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Sir:

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1. Altermatt, S., et al., "Operative Treatment of Solitary Bone Cysts with Tricalcium Phosphate Ceramic. A 1 to 7 Year Follow-Up", Eur. J. Pediatr. Surg. 2 (1992) pp. 180-182;
2. Yoshikawa, T, et al., "Osteogenesis by Artificial Bone Implant Cultured with Human Marow Cells-Examination in 28 Cases", J. Jpn. Orthop. Assoc. 74 (2) (3), S672, 2000;

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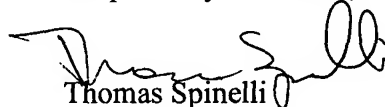
3. Japanese Patent Laid-open Publication No. HEI 8-112341, published May 7, 1996 together with an English language abstract;
4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2001-17454, published January 23, 2001 together with an English language abstract;
5. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 1-108143, published April 25, 1989 together with an English language abstract;
6. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 10-243996, published September 14, 1998 together with an English language abstract;
7. International Publication No. WO 99/59500, published November 25, 1999; and
8. European Patent Application No. EP 0 987 032 A1, dated March 22, 2000.

Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references. Reference 2 has been described in the specification.

References 3-8 was cited in an International Search Report dated June 25, 2002. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references, together with a copy of the Search Report. The relevance of references 3-8 has been described in the Search Report.

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